WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Production and distribution of genetically modified potato

† *263. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTRUE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Ministry of Environment and Forests have cleared the new variety of G.M. (Genetically Modified) potato; and

(b) if so, the scheme of Government for production and distribution of this seed?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been placed before the committee since limited field trials are still being conducted on some GM potato lines with better nutritional and processing qualities and disease resistance.

Maintenance of public amenities on railway stations

*265. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure the cleanliness and maintenance of public amenities on railway stations;

(b) whether any system has been created to rate the stations on the basis of cleanliness and upkeep of public amenities;

(c) whether any system has been created to fix the responsibility on concerned officers for non-compliance of quality amenities on station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.